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**PATENT APPLICATION
A7965**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Nicholas V. NECHITAILO

Appln. No.: 09/883,998

Confirmation No.: 2408

Filed: June 20, 2001

For: TAPE BASED HIGH FIBER COUNT CABLE

Allowed: March 18, 2004

Group Art Unit: 2839

Examiner: Javaid H. Nasri

Issue Fee Paid: May 20, 2004

**REPLY TO EXAMINER'S STATEMENT
OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance contained on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability dated March 18, 2004 (which refers back to the comments made in the Office Action dated June 18, 2003), please enter and consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's statements because the statements are not wholly accurate. For example, not all of the claims include all of the features identified by the Examiner.

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Applicant submits that the allowed claims speak for themselves, and do not require additional clarification to determine their respective scopes. Please enter Applicant's comments into the above-identified application. No response from the Examiner is deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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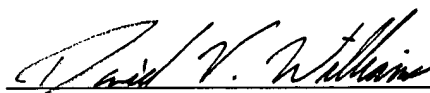
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